

Cloudy tonight. Rain tomorrow.

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## LEXOWERS IN OHIO BEGIN IN EARNEST DIGGING UP GRAFT

County Fund and the Banks First on the List.

## FINANCIERS ALSO TESTIFY

Payment of Two and One-Half Per Cent "Private" Interest Detailed.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 2.—Interlocking and possibly sensational developments are expected today or tomorrow in connection with the Cincinnati Lexow investigation. Former County Treasurer Tilden R. French will perhaps be the star witness at today's session. He is expected to testify that during his term as county treasurer the custom of loaning county funds to banks was followed, but that they did not receive the interest money or "gratuities" paid by the banks; in other words, that the so-called graft went into other hands, presumably the managers of the Cox machine.

## Bank Graft Payments.

It is expected that the committee will devote all of today following up on the investigation, as it relates to the depositing of county funds and the payment of bank graft. A new field may be opened tomorrow, namely the purchase of turnpike tolls roads by the county commissioners, in which deal, it is claimed, there was over \$40,000 of graft. Three commissioners have already been subpoenaed to appear and testify, but they have been excused from testifying today on account of their regular meeting for the transaction of public business.

It is learned this morning that if the Lexow committee attempts to arrest any witness for contempt plans have been prepared to carry the case directly to the supreme court, on the ground that the legislative committee is assuming judicial powers and denying witnesses of their constitutional right to be represented by counsel.

## The Lexowers Arrive.

The Lexowers arrived from Columbus at 7:30 o'clock this morning and began their hearing at the Lincoln Club rooms at 8:45 o'clock. Before any witnesses were called Chief Counsel Roettlinger explained in detail the laws in reference to the depositing of county funds. He made the significant statement that there was nothing in the laws that prevented the banks from accepting deposits of county funds and that there had been some rumors that bank officials who had paid bank graft to county treasurers were criminally liable.

## Bankers on Stand.

John M. Blair, former president of the Equitable National Bank, testified this morning that the bank had carried county funds and had paid private interests to county treasurers.

## ITALIANS CAUSE EXPLOSION WHICH SHAKES COUNTY

LANCASTER, Pa., March 2.—The thousand square miles area of Lancaster county was shaken as though by an earthquake shortly after 4 o'clock this morning by the blowing up of the POW der house near Safe Harbor of the H. S. Kerbaugh company contractors, on the Pennsylvania freight railroad.

## TWO ARBOR DAYS NAMED FOR KEYSTONE STATE

HARRISBURG, March 2.—Governor Pennypacker today issued the official proclamation, designating Friday, April 6, and Friday, April 20, as arbor days in the Keystone State.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

The barometric depression that covered the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains Thursday morning has advanced to northeastern Kansas. It covers a wide expanse of territory and now dominates the weather over nearly two-thirds of the United States. In the upper lake region and the upper Mississippi valley heavy snow has fallen. In the middle and lower Mississippi valley and the east Gulf States there has been rain with occasional thunderstorms. Severe weather with snow has also been experienced in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Colorado.

For tonight and Saturday rainy weather is probable in all parts of the Washington forecast district, except that the precipitation in the lake region will be in the form of snow.

It will be warmer in northeastern districts, and colder Saturday in the Gulf States and Ohio valley.

TEMPERATURE.  
9 A. M. 33  
12 Noon 35  
1 P. M. 37  
Sun sets today 5:32  
Sun rises tomorrow 6:31

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide today 12:53 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 1:29 a. m., 2:31 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 7:57 a. m., 8:00 p. m.

## CROMWELL, CALLED BY CHAIR, GROWS CIVIL TO MORGAN

Sarcastic in Answers Until Alabamian Makes Protest.

## HE MEETLY SAYS, "SIR"

Case of Lockjaw Continued, and He "Begs to Be Excused."

Senators Morgan and Tallaferra scored a triumph in the examination of William Nelson Cromwell before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals today.

Before the hearing was in session a quarter of an hour, Senator Morgan dealt out a stinging rebuke to the witness by advising him of the fact that he had certain privileges as to the manner in which he should conduct the examination, and until such time as the committee decided to interfere, he would continue the examination along his own lines.

Shortly afterward Senator Tallaferra appealed to the chair and requested that the witness be required to answer questions in a civil way and to eliminate sarcasm. Again on an objection interposed by Senator Kirtledge to certain questions Senator Morgan began to play the witness in the chair that they would ask for a ruling in executive session tomorrow morning.

Throughout the hearing, Mr. Cromwell was placed in many unpleasant situations. Senator Morgan revealed the fact that he was trying to elicit from the witness whether he had any knowledge, official or otherwise, regarding the resolution in Columbia four years ago.

Mr. Cromwell, when the hearing began, was permitted to submit a detailed explanation of the character of the Panama currency. After having finished that, Senator Morgan began to ply questions. Mr. Cromwell declined to answer in most cases, taking refuge behind his professional relations with the canal company.

Morgan Grows Tired.

Mr. Morgan usually grew tired of such proceedings and in no pleasant terms said to the witness:

"I have privileges here, Mr. Cromwell, and until I have been advised by the chairman of the committee to the contrary, I will exercise them."

The witness did not answer. After Mr. Morgan propounded several more pertinent questions pertaining to the Bonard letter and a subsequent letter written to Secretary Hay, Mr. Cromwell became sarcastic, saying:

"The matters you are asking about are matters of public record. You can get them from the State Department. It would relieve you and many others of much inconvenience if you would get them there."

"If I thank you for your advice and suggestions, but I do not care to follow them," answered Mr. Morgan.

The stenographer then repeated several questions propounded by Mr. Morgan. The witness replied that the questions were impertinent and declined to answer.

Tallaferra asked that the questions be read again. He then asked the witness in what particular he considered the questions to be couched in impertinent language. The witness replied that it would reveal confidential associations.

Chair Appealed To.

Mr. Tallaferra appealed to the chair and asked that the witness be required to give appropriate, or, at least, civil answers to questions propounded. The chair administered another rebuke to the witness and directed that hereafter he answer questions in a civil way.

Mr. Cromwell evidently did not expect this second rebuke and exhibited much concern at the change of attitude of the majority side of the committee.

He Becomes Courteous.

He changed his reply and began using the word "sir" in addressing Senator Morgan instead of the familiar word "Senator," used on former occasions.

At the request of Senator Morgan, Senator Tallaferra read a transcript of evidence taken four years ago before the same committee, hearing upon the subject of a route for the canal, and the purchase of the canal from the French company.

Mr. Morgan asked if the witness knew of the facts disclosed by Mr. Lamprey, secretary of the company.

"As it involves my professional relations with the company, I decline to answer," said Mr. Cromwell.

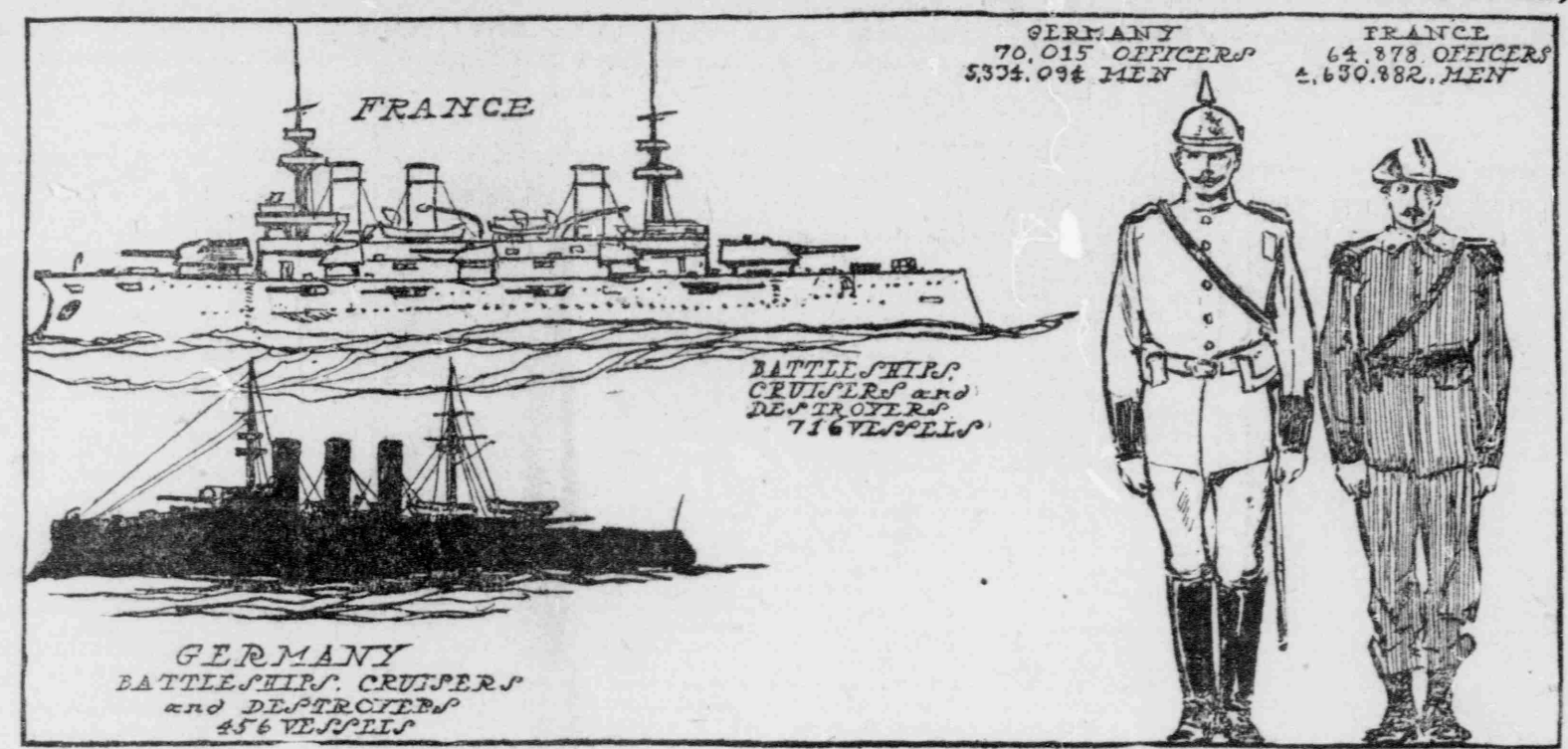
The secretary of the company disclosed the facts as the Senator has just read," said Mr. Morgan. "If his connection with the company did not prevent his disclosing such information, why does your connection with canal affairs prevent?"

"The relations were of a different nature," was the answer.

On the "Americanization" of the canal the witness also declined to discuss the

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## DIAGRAM INDICATING THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE ARMIES AND NAVIES OF FRANCE AND THE GERMAN EMPIRE.



## INDIAN AND LOVER BOTH SEEN DEAD

Poor Lo Had Failed to Secure Land He Claimed.

## OTHER ABOUT TO BE WED

Eloped With Girl to Washington and Turned on Gas on Eve of Wedding.

A Kippokop Indian from Texas and an eloping bridegroom-elect from Virginia blew out the gas in two Washington hotels last night, and as a result both are at the Emergency Hospital. It is believed both will recover, but until noon today physicians entertained little hope of saving either of them.

## Was Pressing Land Claim.

The Indian is John Minor. His shoulders are stooped under the weight of sixty-five years, and his plaited hair is turning gray. There is a sorrowful look on his bronzed countenance, wrinkled and furrowed with rugged lines.

For years he has been fighting for a claim in Texas, which, he says, is due to him. It was to look after his claim that Minor came to Washington two weeks ago and registered at Tip Hoy's hotel, at Sixth street and Louisiana avenue northwest.

Minor and an interpreter went to the Land Office and Capitol every day. Last night about 11 o'clock Minor went to his room in the hotel by himself.

That was the last seen of him until this morning when he was found on his bed in an unconscious condition.

A chambermaid in the hotel smelled gas and reported the fact to Robert Hoy, son of the proprietor. The door to Minor's room was opened and gas was discovered flowing from the let. The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital was summoned and in it he was hurried to that institution, where doctors worked over him for several hours before he showed any signs of consciousness.

His Second Attempt.

It was said at the hotel this morning that Minor had made a previous attempt to end his existence by cutting his throat with a razor. A long scar reaching almost from ear to ear was found on his throat when he was taken to the hospital this morning.

When he went to the hotel last night he seemed morose and dejected and asked Proprietor Hoy for a drink of whiskey; but he was told that he could get it this morning.

Cupid had dealt a solar plexus blow in the case of Edward S. Woodson, twenty-one years old, of Rockfish, Nelson county, Va., the other gas victim.

Young Woodson and Miss Lola Small, his eighteen-year-old fiancée, ran away from their homes yesterday afternoon and came to Washington to be married this morning. For several hours it looked as though Miss Small would be cheated at the foot of the altar of Hymen, but at 1 o'clock this afternoon Dr. White, who attended the young man, stated that he believed Woodson's life could be saved, but it would be necessary for him to remain in the hospital for a week or more.

Woodson is dark and handsome, and his bride-to-be is a petite and demure blonde, with sparkling eyes. The two have been intimately acquainted for several years, and when Woodson visited her home last Sunday night he lingered on the porch a little longer than usual. It was then that the plan to elope to Washington was made.

Yesterday afternoon Woodson attired himself in his best clothes and drove to his home. The girl's parents, who objected to the marriage, were away, and the two drove at breakneck speed to the railroad station, where they embarked for Washington.

They reached this city about 9:45 o'clock last night, and at 10 o'clock they were at the Benton Hotel, 313 C street northwest. Woodson was assigned to room 9 on the second floor, while his bride-elect was made comfortable in room 15 on the floor above.

While his bride-elect was in the room, and retired a few moments after reaching the hotel. It was their intention to be married by a justice of the peace about 9 o'clock, take a train at 10 o'clock and return to their parents.

Miss Small said she left a note on the dining room table telling her mother she had run away to Washington to be married. This information evidently did not displease

her parents because Captain Boardman did not receive any message from Mrs. Small.

Found in Nick of Time.

About 8 o'clock this morning George A. MacMahon, an agent for the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, who boards in the house, smelled gas and reported the matter to the proprietress of the hotel. An investigation was started and it was found that the fumes were coming from Woodson's room. The door was broken open and the young man was found unconscious on the bed. His extremities were cold and there was but a faint beating of his heart.

Dr. Carter, who lives a few doors from the Benton, was summoned, and after administering emergency treatment, he suggested that the man be sent to some hospital. The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital reached the hotel after the unconscious Indian was taken

## Expect France to Call Bran New Conference

Reports From Algieras on Probable Failure of Congress, Say Some Protection for Foreigners Is Needed in Morocco.

ALGERIAS, March 2.—All sorts of strange rumors are running through the corridors of the Reina Christina Hotel. One is that Germany will give no reply to the last French note, and that thus the conference will conclude under such circumstances that France will probably summon a conference to decide, in view of the extremely serious condition of the Morocco question, upon giving a mandate to some power or powers to restore order. France and Spain being the only countries, on account of their geographical positions, liable to be chosen.

Germany Plays for Time.

The German delegates are not yet prepared to enter upon a discussion of the essential questions at a plenary sitting. They have agreed, it is true, that such a sitting shall be held on Saturday to discuss the state bank, and that a meeting of the general committee shall take place on Monday to enter the thorny problem of police organization, but agreements of this sort are subject to alteration.

No one has discovered a wholly satisfactory explanation of Germany's unwillingness to come to close quarters. One set of theorists believe that the cautious officials of the Wilhelmstrasse are probably occupied in elaborate calculations as to whether it would be more advantageous to accept the internationalization of Morocco with a slight preponderance of French influence or to put such in the form of a formal agreement, that is what will result.

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Germans Will Study Mohammedans' Ways

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., March 2.—The Post today publishes a dispatch from Berlin saying there is official authority for stating that the German government has given instructions for preparation of special reports relating to the Mohammedan subjects of England, France and Russia.

Germany has not as yet had any experience in governing Mohammedans and it is considered probable that the anxiety of the Kaiser to obtain this information is for the use of the German delegates to the Algieras conference and is connected with German ambition in Morocco.

Wearing Out Opponents.

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